

I-15 CORE Project Details

- Alleviates traffic congestion, supports economic development, improves mobility of goods, increases safety and accommodates additional population growth
- Expands I-15 from American Fork to Provo
- Adds two travel lanes in both directions on I-15
- Extends the carpool lane from University Parkway in Orem to Center Street in Provo
- Rebuilds or modifies necessary freeway interchanges and replaces aging bridges within project area
- Employs efficiency and an aggressive timeline using the design-build construction method
- Projected to sustain or create 50,887 jobs in the state over four years*

I-15 CORE Timeline and Project Projections

- *1965:* I-15 in Utah County is complete; no significant improvements since with the exception of the addition of the carpool lane from the Alpine interchange to University Parkway in Orem in May 2006
- *August 2002:* Mountainland Association of Governments asks UDOT to study improvements needed on I-15 in Utah County
- *June 2004-August 2008:* UDOT compiles the I-15 Corridor: Utah County – Salt Lake County Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- *August 2008:* FHWA grants Record of Decision on EIS, allowing UDOT to move forward with planning, designing and construction of I-15 CORE
- *Fall 2008-Fall 2009:* UDOT I-15 CORE team works on project development, design, right-of-way acquisition and procurement to prepare parameters for design-build contractor selection
- *March 2009:* Utah State Legislature approves \$1.725 billion bond to expand and rebuild a vital section of the corridor between American Fork and Provo
- *June 2009:* UDOT issues Request for Proposals to select I-15 CORE design-builder
- *December 2009:* UDOT to select a design-build team
- *Spring/Summer 2010:* I-15 CORE construction to begin
- *2014:* I-15 CORE construction to be completed

Utah County Population and Economic Growth Projections

- Utah County is the fastest growing county in Utah with an average annual growth rate of 4.4 percent, with a 5.5 percent increase in 2007
- Utah County is one of the fastest growing counties in the nation and the second most populated county in Utah with 20 percent of the state's total population
- When I-15 CORE construction begins in 2010, Utah County's population is projected to be 560,000 residents; by 2020, it will exceed 727,000
- The Milken Institute has ranked Provo-Orem first in job growth among large metro areas based on job creation and retention, quality of jobs and economic performance
- Utah County's labor market has grown an average of 5 percent annually since 2004, creating 9,000 new jobs in 2007

Sources: Utah Department of Transportation; Department of Workforce Services; Economic Development Corporation of Utah; Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development; Utah Governor's Office of Planning and Budgeting

**Based on the USDOT study that says transportation projects create or sustain nearly 30,000 (29,500) for every \$1 billion spent*